

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Wednesday, May 2, 2001, Part I

SENATE

Message From the President:

Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the District of Columbia Courts Fiscal Year 2002 Budget Submission; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-16)

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002.

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Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space held hearings to examine the scientific, ethical, moral, and social concerns of human cloning, including a proposal to prohibit the cloning of human embryos.

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of *Charles A. James, Jr.* and *Daniel J. Bryant*, both of Virginia, each to be an *Assistant Attorney General*, Department of Justice.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition concluded hearings on the state of local telephone competition five years after the implementation of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, and the potential need for additional legislation to provide a different balance between the incumbent and competitive providers of local telephone service.

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Committee Meetings For Thursday, May 3, 2001:

Committee on Appropriations: @ 9:30 a.m. Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimate for fiscal year 2002 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. SR-485.

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Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m. Business meeting to consider the nomination of *Larry D. Thompson*, of Georgia, to be *Deputy Attorney General*, the nomination of *Theodore Bevy Olson*, of the District of Columbia, to be *Solicitor General of the United States*, the nomination of *Charles A. James, Jr.*, of Virginia, to be an *Assistant Attorney General*, and the nomination of *Daniel J. Bryant*, of Virginia, to be an *Assistant Attorney General*, all of the Department of Justice; **S. 487**, to amend chapter 1 of title 17, United States Code, relating to the exemption of certain performances or displays for educational uses from copyright infringement provisions, to provide that the making of a single copy of such performances or displays is not an infringement; **S. 166**, *to limit access to body armor by violent felons and to facilitate the donation of Federal surplus body armor to State and local law enforcement agencies*. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Immigration, to hold hearings to examine certain aspects of United States immigration policy, focusing on asylum issues. SD-226.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled:

Committee on Appropriations, 5/8/01, 5/9/01 & 5/10/01 @ 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee to hold hearings to examine United States Federal Government capabilities with respect to terrorism. SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, 5/8/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology. SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary, 5/9/01 @ 10:00 a.m. *To hold hearings on pending Department of Justice nominations.* SD-226.

Committee on the Judiciary, 5/15/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet. SD-226.

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Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 5/22/01 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine certain issues surrounding retiree health insurance. SD-430.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 5/23/01 @ 9:30 a.m. Public Health Subcommittee to hold hearings to examine issues surrounding human subject protection. SD-430.
(Possible Privacy Issues)

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, 5/24/01 @ 9:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine issues surrounding patient safety. SD-430.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, 6/14/01 @ 9:30 a.m. Investigations Subcommittee to hold hearings to examine the nature and scope of cross border fraud, focusing on the state of binational U.S.-Canadian law enforcement coordination and cooperation and what steps can be taken to fight such crime in the future. SD-342.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, 6/15/01 @ 9:30 a.m. Investigations Subcommittee to continue hearings to examine the growing problem of cross border fraud, which poses a threat to all American consumers but disproportionately affects the elderly. The focus will be on the state of binational U.S.-Canadian law enforcement coordination and cooperation and will explore what steps can be taken to fight such crime in the future. SD-342.

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HOUSE

Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform:

The House passed H.R. 10, to provide for pension reform by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 96.

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Rejected ***the Sanders motion*** to recommit the bill to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with an amendment that sought to allow employees to choose between defined benefit and cash balance pension plans by a ye-a- and-nay vote of 153 yeas to 276 nays, Roll No. 95.

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Pursuant to the rule ***the Thomas amendment*** in the nature of a substitute numbered 1 and printed in the Congressional Record of May 1 was considered as adopted.

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Rejected ***the Neal amendment*** in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide refundable tax credits to low and middle-income workers and make small employers eligible for certain tax credits by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 223 nays, Roll No. 94.

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H. Res. 127, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 92.

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Presidential Message:

Read a message from the President wherein he ***transmitted the District of Columbia Courts Budget Submission for fiscal year 2002***--referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107-63).

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on Appropriations: *Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on the Attorney General. Testimony was heard from John D. Ashcroft, Attorney General.*

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Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing on the U.S. Copyright Office.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Thursday, 9:30 a.m., May 3, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Thursday, 10:00 a.m., May 3, 2001.

OLA: S. Schwarz (Smith), J. Homanich